

Department of Social and Health Services

DP Code/Title: M2-WA SSI Client Contribution Reduction
Program Level - 050 Long Term Care Services

Budget Period: 2003-05 Version: 11 2003-05 Agency Request Budget

Recommendation Summary Text:

This decision package requests funding to replace the lost client contributions in the Aging and Adult Services Administration (AASA) and the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).

Fiscal Detail:

Operating Expenditures

	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Program 050			
001-1 General Fund - Basic Account-State	252,000	252,000	504,000
Total Cost	252,000	252,000	504,000

Staffing

Package Description:

The Legislature eliminated the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) state supplemental from many AASA and DDD clients in residential care, diverting it to DDD clients in state-only funded programs. This results in a reduction of the amount that the AASA and DDD residential clients can contribute toward the cost of their care.

Current SSI beneficiaries receive \$545.00 from Social Security Administration (SSA) plus a SSI state supplement amount of either \$5.45 or \$25.90. Clients who receive services in a community residential facility keep \$38.84 and pay the rest of their benefits to the facility towards the cost of care. The state pays the balance of the cost of care to the facility.

In 2002, the Legislature enacted changes that affect Washington State's SSI State Supplemental Payments (SSP) program. Effective July 1, 2002, approximately 103,000 of the 108,000 current SSI recipients no longer receive a state supplement payment. The remaining 5,000 recipients, mostly individuals with ineligible spouses, continue to receive a reduced cash benefit.

Income of SSI beneficiaries who receive services in community residential facilities has been reduced, thus reducing the amount of funds the clients have available for client contribution toward room and board in community residential facilities. Approximately 1,100 AASA and DDD clients will have \$25.90 less per month to contribute, and approximately 978 clients will have \$5.45 less per month to contribute.

Narrative Justification and Impact Statement

How contributes to strategic plan:

The funding requested would meet the agency's goals of providing full funding for core activities.

Performance Measure Detail

Program: 050

Goal: 01E Ensure access to an array of optional long-term care services

No measures submitted for package

Incremental Changes

FY 1

FY 2

Goal: 06E Ensure cost effectiveness of long-term care

No measures submitted for package

Incremental Changes

FY 1

FY 2

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Reason for change:

This decision package would continue current funding for residential client services.

Impact on clients and services:

Current coverage of services for residential clients would be maintained.

Impact on other state programs:

AASA and DDD programs are impacted.

Relationship to capital budget:

None

Required changes to existing RCW, WAC, contract, or plan:

None

Alternatives explored by agency:

The change in SSI state supplemental payments was mandated by the Legislature. Therefore, no alternatives were explored.

Budget impacts in future biennia:

The funding levels included in this decision package would be expected to continue into future biennia.

Distinction between one-time and ongoing costs:

Costs are ongoing.

Effects of non-funding:

Forecasted programs would pick up the funding in the next forecast. However, non-forecasted programs would face reduction in services to cover the lack of revenue. As a combined decision package, the request is for forecasted and non-forecasted programs.

Expenditure Calculations and Assumptions:

January 2002 ACES data was used to estimate the number of clients with state supplemental payments who are in community residential care by region. The clients' contribution toward their room and board payments is reduced by the amount of SSI supplemental they had been receiving. The state supplemental payment is \$5.45 in most of the state but is \$25.90 in the 5 high cost counties.

See attachment - AASA M2-WA SSI Client Contribution Reduction.xls

<u>Object Detail</u>	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Program 050 Objects			
N Grants, Benefits & Client Services	252,000	252,000	504,000

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DSHS Source Code Detail

Program 050		<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund 001-1, General Fund - Basic Account-State				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
0011	General Fund State	252,000	252,000	504,000
<i>Total for Fund 001-1</i>		252,000	252,000	504,000
Total Program 050		252,000	252,000	504,000